



NHTSA Region 5 Recognizes Indiana Law Enforcement Officers for CIOT

Operation Pull Over “Click it or Ticket” (OPO)- Congratulations to the law enforcement officers recognized by NHTSA Region 5 for good enforcement work during the past “Click It or Ticket” (CIOT) Mobilization.

Below are the names and achievements of the recognized officers

North Central Region: Officer Mark Hoffman of Winamac Police Department

Winamac PD joined the OPO program in 2011 after previous administrations had refused to participate. Officer Hoffman knew the need for additional enforcement existed and thus was instrumental in organizing the Winamac Police Department into the Operation Pullover Programs. After his department came into the OPO program in 2011 and was recognized at their first annual Award Banquet. Under Officer Hoffman’s direction, Winamac’s enforcement during the national campaign CIOT stood at 5.83 for contact rate and a seat belt rate 3.83/hour.

North East Region: Town Marshall Ward Odom of Hudson Police Department

Retiring Town Marshall Odom’s leadership of his TSP led to some significant events during the National CIOT campaign. Odom’s TSP were able to obtain 2 MJ possession charges, one arrest for Meth Dealing, one arrest for possession of Synthetic MJ, one arrest for receiving stolen property, and 11 Impaired Driving arrests. Marshal Odom has been the catalyst for each of the police agencies in the partnership in keeping them informed and rallying the officers to buy in to traffic safety.

East Central Region: Officer John Haggard of Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department

Officer Haggard of the Indianapolis Metro Police Department has worked the OPO/BCC overtime enforcement for well over 10 years. Officer Haggard has been a high volume producer on the overtime projects and has focused his enforcement efforts on citations that are major crash causation factors and preventative citations such as passer restraint violations. As a leader within IMPD’s Traffic Safety branch, officer Haggard steps up and does whatever is needed to reduce injuries in crashes by focusing on the individual grant scope and its objective’s.

South West Region: Officer Orbie Dawson of Terre Haute Police Department

Officer Orbie Dawson, a 27 year veteran of the Terre Haute Police Department has been known to participate in almost all the seat belt blitzes. During the national CIOT campaign, his contacts were as follows: a total of 21 hours for Blitz 71 which resulted in 66 contacts with 45 of those being seat belt citations.

South Central Region: Officer John Richards of Martinsville Police Department

Officer John Richards garnered critical and national acclaim during the National CIOT campaign when he observed a pick-up truck traveling on a public roadway with 10 children in the bed of the truck. Taking a further look at the vehicle, the officer saw 10 unrestrained children in the same vehicle. On the spot, Officer Richards chose to issue each of the adult occupants citations for not wearing their seat belts, as well as, issuing the driver 10 additional citations for each of the unrestrained children in the bed of the truck.

South East Region: Sergeant David Maier of Clarksville Police Department

Sgt. David Maier, a 22 year veteran of the Clarksville Police Department deserves praise for his outstanding coordination of the Clarksville Police Department officer’s efforts in their first (CIOT). In the past, Clarksville’s former Chief of 25 years refused to join NHTSA’s CIOT campaigns in combating traffic safety issues during his term as Chief. With a new Chief, Sgt. David Maier was appointed to coordinate the department’s enforcement efforts. Through the first two week crackdown (CIOT) under Sgt. Maier’s guidance, they recorded 40 overtime hours worked and issued 173 seatbelt citations.

Have a suggestion for the newsletter? Someone you want to spotlight? Let us know [here!](#)

TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION



INDIANA PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS COUNCIL
AND GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON IMPAIRED & DANGEROUS DRIVING
PRESENTS

The 2012 Trial Advocacy Course August 28-30

The goal of the course is to build prosecutors' skills in trying alcohol related impaired driving cases. The course will include instruction in pharmacology and toxicology and case law applicable in O.V.W.I. cases. Each participant will prosecute an O.V.W.I case, will be critiqued on his/her "live" performance and will have an opportunity to view himself/herself on videotape.

Cost: There is no cost to attend this seminar, Overnight rooms are available for those traveling more than 50 miles one way from the conference site.

Registration: Registration will be limited to 30 Deputy Prosecutors and 30 law enforcement officers. **Please fax registration forms to IPAC at (317) 233-3599.**



Increase in Indiana Safety belt Usage Rate

The 2012 seat belt usage rate reached another all-time high of 93.6 percent. The largest increase came in the area of the pickup truck usage rate, which rose to 86.5 percent, but is still far below the passenger car usage rate of 95.1 percent. Congratulations to all of our partners in continually helping to improve Indiana's seat belt usage rate. This will certainly help contribute to reducing fatalities and serious bodily injuries on our roadways.

FARS COUNT

PROVISIONAL TOTAL OF 2012 TRAFFIC FATALITIES-AS OF 9:00 A.M. AUGUST 06, 2012

	DEATHS		CRASHES		REDUCTION OR INCREASE	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	Deaths	Crashes
Rural	278	318	249	288	+40	+39
Urban	153	141	143	134	-12	-9
Statewide	431	459	392	422	+28	+30

“Accidents, and particularly street and highway accidents, do not happen-they are caused.”

- Ernest Greenwood

UPCOMING TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

GHSA: Public Health & Traffic Safety

Date: August 26-29, 2012

Baltimore, MD

[Click here for more information.](#)

**Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC)
Provider Course**

Date: October 10-11, 2012

Evansville, IN

[Click here for more information.](#)

Managing Excited Delirium

Date: February 5 or 6, 2013

Evansville, IN

Contact: Debbie Baird. Phone: 812-436-4948.

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**Evansville PD to co-host “Police Response to Active Shooter Instructor Certification Course”
with The National Tactical Officers Association .**

Date: November 13-15, 2012

Host : Evansville PD

Contact: Debbie Baird. Phone: 812-436-4948.

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Fatal crashes, especially Motorcycles, trending up in the first half of 2012 in Indiana

In the months of May and June, Indiana saw a tremendous increase in the number of fatalities.

In fact, at the time of this newsletter, for the first half of 2012 (January-June) Indiana is up 47 fatalities versus the first half of 2011. Looking deeper at the data, the increases in fatalities have been predominantly in the rural areas of the state.

Furthermore, motorcycle fatalities are up 25 for this same time period versus last year, accounting for 65 of the 365 total fatalities in the state. To put it another way motorcycles make up roughly 3% of the motoring public but are accounting for almost 18% of all our fatalities! The top three reasons for motorcycle collisions were: ran off road (18), following to close (9), and left of center (8).

Law enforcement officers are encouraged to stay vigilant in everyday traffic safety education and enforcement through the rest of the year to help keep our roadways safe for all drivers and riders.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Websites

ARIES (Crash Records): <http://crashreports.in.gov>
 Automotive Safety Program (Child Passenger Safety Information and CPS Tech Classes):
www.preventinjury.org
 Center for Criminal Justice Research (Traffic Safety Research and Data for Indiana): <http://policyinstitute.iu.edu>
 DRE: Indiana www.indianadre.com National www.decp.org
 Indiana Coroners Association: www.indcoroners.org
 Indiana State Department of Toxicology: www.in.gov/isdt
 JTAC & eCWS: <http://courts.in.gov/judiciary/jtac> Email: jtacecws@jtac.in.gov
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: www.nhtsa.gov
 Traffic Safety Marketing: www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov

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TSD Alcohol/Motorcycle Program Manager Moves on

After more than 7 years with the Traffic Safety Division, Dan Jefferies resigned his appointment for other opportunities. Dan was instrumental in helping to reduce the number of DUI fatalities in Indiana over the years. We wish Dan Jefferies good luck in his future career and endeavors.

In the interim, all claim vouchers, backup documentations and questions should be directed to Sola Egunyomi and Angie Morris.